

Training on large cardamom plantation at Upper Lingmoo

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GANGTOK, June 19: A training programme on large cardamom (*Ammomum subulatum roxb*) cultivation was organized by Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology for five farmers at Upper Lingmoo, South Sikkim yesterday.

The training was conducted by scientist Dr. Utpal Gupta from Sikkim Spices Board along with senior research assistant KB Subba from Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology. The training was conducted prior to the distribution of quality disease free cardamom suckers to the farmers on the field itself, a press release informs.

The training is a part of Department of Bio Technology funded project 'DBT Mission for Production of Quality Planting Material and utilization for the North East'.



The training session began with expert views and hands on training by Scientists of Spices Board and Sikkim State Council. Experts shared their experiences through lecture on cardamom of Sikkim.

In the training it was informed to the farmers that the large cardamom production in Sikkim had declined considerably due to the out break of three

main diseases namely; Chirkey, Phurkey and Colletotrichum Blight, the release informs.

It was demonstrated and advised to the farmers to develop their own sucker nursery from the healthy, disease free, good bearing mother plants. They can be planted in their main field after sufficient suckers are produced, the release informs.